The Middletown Transcript.

EDWARD REYNOLDS, Editor.

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CHRISTMAS.

Christmas, the happiest time of all the year, is again at hand. Throughout all the world, wherever the gospel of Christ has been disseminated and his religion established, there Christmas, the day set apart by His church as the anniversary of the birth of Man's Redeemer, is acknowledged and celebrated. In all the world, too, its observation is of the same nature and character. It is everywhere regarded as a time of joy and gladness, and of rest from the cares and labors of everyday life. All business is suspended: the merchant closes his store, the manufacturer his shops, the lawyer his office; the politician, for the time, ceases his plottings; Senates and parliaments adjourn; schools are closed and the children, freed from all restraint, are left to enjoy the day according to their own inclinations. High and low, rich and poor, old and young—all people of both sexes and all colors and languages—join in the celebration of this one grand, universal holiday. Christmas is the time for family reunions, when the members of the household perhaps separated all the rest of the year meet under the old homestead roof. It is a time for giving and receiving presents and tokens of regard and esteem. It is a time of peace, and men who have been enemies, mayhap for years, meeting on that day, are made friends to each other. It is a time of charity, and even the closest and most miserly of men will open his purse and bestow something toward the alleviation of the sufferings of his less fortunate brother. For the time the spirit of Evil seems to be banished and "peace on earth, good will to men" everywhere prevails.

To all its readers the TRANSCRIPT wishes a "Happy Christmas." May this be far superior to and far happier than all its predecessors, and may you all live to see many more such—but let us, in our own gladness, not forget those who have been less fortunate than ourselves.

"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

Very little, if any, progress has been made during the past week toward a settlement of our national troubles. Many propositions and suggestions looking to an amicable adjustment of the quarrel have been made, both in and out of Congress, but so far none have proved acceptable to all parties. Each party positively and boldly asserts that its ticket was chosen in the late election, and neither side shows any sign of weakening or giving in. The political friends and adherents of Mr. Tilden insist that he is the proper and legitimate successor of President Grant, by virtue of having been chosen as such by a large majority of the qualified electors of the country. On the other hand the adherents of Mr. Hayes are equally persistent in their declarations of the election of their candidate, basing their claims on the ground that, though they admit that a very large majority of the popular vote of the country was cast for the democratic candidate, his success was obtained through illegal means—by intimidation and bribery of the negroes. This the democrats most positively deny and challenge their opponents to a proof of their charges, and claim that the only intimidation used was by the republicans themselves towards negroes who sought to vote the democratic ticket, and by the administration towards the Southern States generally in the stationing of United States soldiers at the polls on the day of the election. So believing, they still persist in, and refuse to yield, their claims to the electoral vote of the States of Louisiana, South Carolina and Florida, holding that the vote of the people of those States was given to the democratic ticket, but that they were arbitrarily and illegally deprived of the result by the action of the Boards of Canvassers of those States.

Meanwhile committees, composed of men of each party, appointed by both Houses of Congress, having been sent to those States to ascertain the true condition of affairs, are hard at work doing all in their power to get at the truth and find out how and for whom the vote of those States was cast. To the credit of the democrats and their cause, they offer every facility to those committees in the prosecution of their labors, courting, rather than shunning, a thorough investigation of their acts, while the republicans, as if afraid of the result of a scrutiny of their conduct, throw every obstacle in the way of the committees that they possibly can. The authority of the committees is disputed; their orders disobeyed, their requests ignored; the delivery of letters and telegrams is refused, witnesses are spirited away, and, especially in Louisiana, every means taken to restrict and hamper and, if possible, prevent the work of the committees. Despite all these difficulties and hindrances, the committees are steadily pushing their investigations and the country looks anxiously on awaiting their verdict as a settlement of the troubles that now hang over the country. It will probably take weeks, and possibly a month, before the end is reached and their examinations completed, but whatever may be their decision it is urgently and sincerely hoped that it will be acquiesced in, that our national troubles may grow no greater.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Things still continue in an excited and unsettled condition, with no immediate prospect of a settlement. The democrats are quiet but firm in their determination to recognize no authority in the State but that of Gen. Hampton, who they affirm was fairly and legally elected Governor, and whom they have inaugurated as such, and of the constitutionally organized Legislature, the lower House of which is presided over by Speaker Wallace. Chamberlain continues to attempt to exercise authority as Governor, but he is looked upon as a usurper and all obedience refused to his orders and proclamations, and the republican legislature is alike unable to enforce its acts. Unless unjustifiable interference is made by direction of the President, with the military to sustain it, it is believed that the Chamberlain usurpation will die out of itself, in a short time, and General Hampton will be established in undisputed authority over the State. The republican faction is utterly unable to obtain credit for anything or to raise funds to carry on its bogus government and must of course fail. Both Houses have agreed to adjourn *sine die* this week.

The latest from South Carolina states that Chamberlain intends to issue a proclamation within a few days, ordering Gov. Hampton, the democratic legislature and all claiming authority under them to disperse to their homes in three days and that he has been assured from Washington that his orders shall be carried out if it takes all the military power of the United States to accomplish it. An immense mass meeting was held in Charleston on Thursday night composed of men of all colors and politics, at which resolutions were adopted denouncing Chamberlain as a usurper; vowing to recognize no government but Hampton's, and pledging support, financial and all other kinds, to Hampton and the democratic legislature.

LOUISIANA.—In Louisiana the same muddled condition of things exists, and on the assembling of the Legislature on the first of January, the same spectacle will doubtless be witnessed as is now seen in South Carolina. There will be two legislative bodies each claiming to be the proper and legal Legislature. There will be two Governors—or two men claiming to be Governor—two Lieutenant Governors, and in fact two complete administrations, each claiming to be the right one. As an evidence of what may be expected, we quote from a speech made, in answer to a serenade on Tuesday night last, by Gen. Nichols, the democratic candidate for Governor. He said he "was fairly and legally elected Governor of Louisiana by over 8000 votes of both races; that it was his fixed determination to assert and maintain his right to that position; that he would be prepared to do his whole duty, and that he should expect the same from every citizen of Louisiana."

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH.

SENATE.—An attempt was made to pass the bill for the reduction of the President's salary from $50,000 to $25,000—its original status—which was vetoed by President Grant at the last session, over the President's veto, but it failed for the want of the necessary two-thirds in the affirmative. Senator Bayard, of Delaware, voted against the reduction. Senator Saulsbury, either on account of absence or some other cause, did not vote at all. Only 44 senators voted—25 for and 19 against. Mr. Wright, of Iowa, introduced a bill to establish a court for the trial of contested elections in the offices of President and Vice President.

HOUSE.—Mr Proctor Knott, of Ky, introduced a bill for the regulation of the proceedings in the electoral count for President and Vice President. Referred to the select committee on that subject. A resolution for inquiry into the conduct of Judge Bond in South Carolina was offered, but it failed for the want of two-thirds in its favor.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH.

SENATE.—The Pension bill as passed by the House was reported and placed on the calendar. The formal presentation of the statues of Samuel Adams and John Winthrop, contributed by Massachusetts to the National Statuary Hall, was made. The Oregon resolution was discussed, pending which the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—Mr. Wood, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a resolution for the adjournment of the House from next Saturday to Wednesday, the 27th inst., and from Saturday, the 30th inst, to Wednesday, the 3d of January. After some discussion the resolution was agreed to by a vote of 121 to 92. The Diplomatic Appropriation bill was reported and made the special order for Wednesday. The Fortification bill was passed. After the formal presentation of the Adams and Winthrop statues to the Hall of Statuary in the Capitol the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH.

SENATE.—A bill was passed changing the name of the Territory of Pembina to Huron. The pension bill was slightly amended and passed. The resolution authorizing an investigation as to the appointment of Mr. Cronin, one of the Oregon electors, was again discussed at length. During the debate, Mr. Sherman, of Ohio, said he was satisfied he spoke the sentiments of Gov. Hayes when he said if that gentleman should be convinced that the returning boards of Louisiana and Florida had acted wrong he would make no claim to the office of President of the United States. Mr. Sherman at the same time claimed that Gov. Hayes was clearly entitled to the vote of both of these States.

HOUSE.—The subject of requiring the production of telegrams before committees of the House was called up, and Mr. Knott offered a resolution, which was adopted after a long debate, declaring that a telegram is no more privileged than any communication oral or otherwise, and that a committee has a right to demand their production, and that a witness refusing to comply with a subpœna shall be brought to the bar of the House, to be subject to such action as the House may determine. Persons tampering with a witness are also to be brought to the bar of the House for its action. During the debate Mr. Hewitt, of New York, chairman of the democratic national committee, said he had reason to think that the protection which the law secures to citizens as to communications through the postoffice was more of a delusion than was generally supposed, and further said that during the last month his attention had been called to his own letters passing through the New York postoffice, and, according to his best judgment and that of experts, they were frequently, if not generally opened in the postoffice and reclosed by mucilage, the steam used being apparent on the envelope.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST.

SENATE.—A resolution was adopted providing for an adjournment from Friday until Tuesday. The conference report on the disagreeing votes of the two houses in relation to the expense of committees of investigation was called up and passed; it appropriates $25,000 for each house, with the understanding that both bodies could ask for more money if thought necessary. The Chair announced the special committee of the Senate to act with a special committee of the House to prepare a measure to accomplish the lawful counting of the electoral vote, Messrs. Edmunds, Morton, Frelinghuysen and Logan, republicans, and Messrs. Thurman, Bayard and Ransom, democrats. The death of Senator Caperton, of West Virginia, was announced, and a number of eulogies delivered.

HOUSE.—A resolution was adopted authorizing the House investigating committees now in New York to investigate whether any letters passing through the New York postoffice have been tampered with, and if so by whom, and to report as early as possible. Before the passage of the resolution Mr. Hewitt, of New York, made a statement of facts in regard to what he believed to have been a tampering with his mail. A resolution was adopted for the arrest of E. S. Barns, telegraph manager at New Orleans, for contempt in refusing to produce certain papers before the Louisiana investigating committee. The death of Senator Caperton, of W. Va, was then announced, eulogies delivered, and the customary resolutions adopted.

LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE.

Lippincott's Magazine for January opens with an illustrated article on Spain, by Edward King, chiefly of the quaint customs and amusing types of character that still characterize provincial life in the country of Don Quixote. "Our Floor of Fire" is the title of another illustrated paper, in which the phenomena and operation of volcanic eruptions are depicted and explained, according to the most recent observations and theories of scientific explorers. Mr. Earl Shinn, the distinguished art critic, has a paper on "Phidias and his Predecessors," full of information and subtle remark on the history and characteristics of Greek sculpture, with vivid descriptions of the Elgin marbles and other existing specimens. "The Young Man who went West" presents in a half comic, half serious light, the claims of California to be regarded as the typical American state. A short article on "Unquiet Graves," by Marie Howland, gives an account of the strange vicissitudes that have befallen the remains of many celebrated persons, and suggests some conclusions in reference to the practice of cremation. Lady Barker's "Letters from South Africa" are concluded in this number as is also the serial story of "Love in Idleness," which has entertained many readers during the past six months. "The Marquis of Lossie" is still in progress, with no falling off of power or interest; and there is a short story by Rev. William M Baker, author of "The New Timothy." The poetry of the number includes an "Evening Song," by Sidney Lanier, which has been set to music by Dudley Buck; and some translations by Emma Lazarus, from the French of Francois Coppee. In the Gossip, Mrs. Hooper has a capital lettar describing the great auction sales in Paris; Mr. Trollope recounts a visit to the home of Giorgione; and Mrs. Feudge celebrates, in glowing language, the beauty and musical talents of the Nautch girls, and the marvels of an operatic exhibition in Malay. The present number begins the new volume of this popular Magazine, which we commend as one of the most attractive illustrated monthlies published.

GEN BARLOW ON THE FLORIDA ELECTION—Gen. Francis C. Barlow, a distinguished New York republican, who was sent to Florida by President Grant to witness the counting of the vote in that State, has written a letter explaining certain points of his recent report on that election which were not quite clear. He says the total vote on the face of the returns was—Hayes, 24,327; Tilden, 24,287. Certain additions and deductions were agreed on unanimously by the board, which left it Hayes, 24,287; Tilden, 24,438. Gen. Barlow concurs in the throwing out of Archer No. 2, Friendship, Church and Cambellton precincts, which left the vote—Tilden, 24,002; Hayes, 23,947, or a majority for Tilden of 55. He approves other small changes, but says he is in doubt about the throwing out of Jasper precinct in Hamilton county with its 323 democratic and 185 republican votes. In short, Gen. Barlow concedes that Gov Tilden was fairly entitled to the electoral vote of Florida, but being a strong partisan he makes the admission grudgingly.

WORDS OF WARNING.

During the present year, as in the past, the grave will close over thousands, simply because they neglect the means which would restore them to health. Meet the fell destroyer at the threshold and dispute his invasion by that more than wonderful medicine, Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound. There is no cough or cold, case of asthma, bronchitis, blood-spitting, weak lungs, croup or whooping cough which will not yield more readilp to this great BOTANIC remedy than any other medicine. If you would avoid disappointment and be speedily cured, ask your druggist for Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound. Trial size, 10 cents. Regular sizes, 50 cents and one dollar. Sold by Adkisson & Co., Middletown, Del., and H. P. Baker, Odessa, Del.

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GENERAL NEWS.

DOMESTIC.

HEMBOLD HIMSELF AGAIN.—Dr. H. T. Hembold, of buchu fame, after many vicissitudes in business and hair-breadth escapes from the keepers of lunatic asylums, has reopened his drug store in New York, and proposes to re-establish the business which was broken up several years ago by various causes.

Pay Certificates of the Mackey House a Columbia (S. C.) dispatch states, were knocked about the streets of that city on Saturday, but there were no buyers. A broker who had more confidence in these certificates than the public generally offered to take them at a cent a pound.

A freezing, slippery snow prevailed all among the line Monday from Canada to the Virginias. Locomotion in Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, and New York was dangerous as well as disagreeable. The telegraph wires were coated with ice and the transmission of dispatches was very slow.

In Philadelphia, last Monday night, Henry Gibbs, colored, was shot and killed in a tavern by Columbo Rassazzi the bartender. Gibbs refused to go out of the place when ordered and threw a tumbler at the bartender's head.—Rassazai is in custody.

Three car loads of white emigarnts left Sumter, S. C., one day last week bound for Texas, because, it is stated in the Charleston papers, of the bare possibility of a continuance of the Chamberlain government for two years more.

The transfer-house, baggage rooms, telegraph office and four empty cars of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, at Council Bluffs, Ia., were burned Sunday evening, and a car repairer was burned to death.

A Portland, Oregon, dispatch says Governor Grover left for Washington Monday. He has prepared an elaborate argument sustaining his action in the Cronin case, with a multitude of authorities. It is printed in pamphlet.

The congressional committee selected to investigate frauds in New York city, Brooklyn, Jersey City and Philadelphia met in New York Monday and organized by electing Mr Cox chairman.

Gen. W. F. Bartlett a distinguished federal soldier, died at Pittsfield, Mass. Sunday. Gen. Bartlett lived some time after the war in Virginia, and did much in the work of conciliation.

There was a heavy fall of snow in Northern New England on Monday night the depth in some places being eighteen inches. Trains on most of the railroads were delayed.

The revival interest and attendance at the Moody and Sankey meetings are on the increase in Chicago, and all of the city, suburban and other churches in the Northwest seem to be aiding the movement.

Charles G. Fisher, son of ex-District Attorney Fisher of the District of Columbia, has been again placed on trial for "abstraction" of Court papers.

FOREIGN.

There is another serious crisis in the Danish Parliament...The grain trade in England continues healthy, though the period is a critical one, owing to the undetermined question of peace or war in the East...A colliery explosion near Newport, Wales, caused many fatalities...A railway collision in Belgium killed eight and injured fifteen persons...It is believed the Turkish armistice will be prolonged until March 1...The warlike feeling in Russia is diminishing...Rev. John Spalding has been appointed bishop of the new see of Peoria, United States...Berlin advices state that despite all peaceful statements war between Russia and Turkey is inevitable...The political situation in France is somewhat clouded again...An alliance has been formed between Germany and Spain...The Khedive of Egypt is dissatisfied with his American officers, and has notified them that their contracts will not be renewed...The famine continues in India...Cardinal Patrizzi is dead

A VERY VALUABLE WORK.

The Illustrated History of the Centennial Exhibition, with a full description of the Great Buildings and all the objects of Interest Exhibited in them. By James D. McCabe, author of the "The Centennial History of the United States," Etc. Embellished with over 300 fine engravings of buildings and scenes in the Great Exhibition.

There is a universal demand for a work which shall embody a complete and carefully written account of the great Centennial Exhibition, sketching its wonderful and varied features, and presenting to the reader not a dry list of the articles exhibited, but a brilliant and graphic description of the most magnificent display of the results of human skill and industry ever gathered together. Such a want The National Publishing Co. of Philadelphia have supplied in this superb volume. It is from the pen of the well-known author, James D. McCabe.

The book is a complete and vivid description of the great Exhibition. The Author has written from his own personal knowledge, having gone through every part of the great World's Fair, note-book in hand, recording the vast and varied information contained in this work. He has received the constant and sympathetic assistance of the Centennial authorities, and has enjoyed peculiar advantages in its preparation. The Author takes us through the Exhibition grounds, and makes us familiar with every object of interest in them. We are then taken into the Main Building, and are carried successively through it, and through every building, large and small, in the grounds. We are told the story of the construction and arrangements of each of these edifices, and the rare, beautiful and wonderful collections which they contained are graphically described.

This work is invaluable to all classes of our people. There is not another book in print which gives one-fourth of the information contained in this work. To those who visited the Exhibition it will be a pleasing souvenir of their visit, and will enable them to recall the magnificent scenes they have witnessed. To those who could not make the journey, the book is a necessity, for it will enable them to enjoy the delights of a thorough acquaintance with the great World's Fair in the quietude of their own homes.

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NEWTON—CANDIDUS.—At the Third Presbyterian Church, Phila., Dec. 13th, by the Rev. Dr. Allen, William H Newton, of Delaware, to Ella Virginia Candidus of Philadelphia.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY ISAAC JONES, JR.

Wheat	$1.38@1.40
Corn, yellow	48 cts.
Corn, white	45 cts.
Oats	29 cts.
Timothy Seed	2 75
Clover "	9@10 c ℔ lb

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Butter	30@35cts. ℔ lb
Lard	11@13 "
Spring Chickens, dressed	10@11 ℔ lb.

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Prime red wheat	$1 40@1.45 ℔ bus.
Corn, old	60@61 ℔ bus.
" new	55@58 ℔ bus.
Oats (Pennsylvania)	40 cts.
Clover seed	13@14 ℔ lb.
Timothy	1.75@ 2.00.

BALTIMORE MARKETS

Wheat, good to amber	1.48@$1 50
Corn, white, old	55@57
" " new	55@58
Corn, yellow, old	57@59
" " new	56@57
Oats, Southern	35@40 cts.
Rye	70@75

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To those of our readers who are familiar with "Malcolm," this new story from the pen of this distinguished writer will need no recommendation, and his reputation is a guarantee to others of a deeply interesting and powerful story. It began in the November number, which issue, with the December part, will be furnished gratis to all new subscribers for 1877.

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Instead of issuing Certificates of Indebtedness as heretofore, the Directors have passed a resolution to refund as a *Dividend* part of the receipts of this year, pro rata, on the amount standing to the credit of each number.

Election for Directors will take place between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m., and 2 o'clock, p m.

JOHN C. CORBIT, President.
JOSEPH G. BROWN, Secretary.
December 20th, 1876.

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dec 16-te J R. HALL, Cashier.

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SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 23, 1876.

LOCAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

Next Monday is Christmas. Who don't know that?

Lewes had two narrow escapes from fire last week.

Rice has Christmas toys and confectionaries in abundance.

Middletown has several cases of measles on hand at present.

The Middletown merchants have big stocks of holiday goods.

Christmas services will be held in St. Anne's Church on Monday.

There are four pigeon shooting matches on the *tapis* for next week, in this vicinity.

The Legislature will meet next Monday week, that being the first Monday in January.

The roads were in splendid condition until the snow-fall of Monday somewhat spoiled them.

Smyrna is infested with chicken thieves.—That is a sort of general complaint everywhere in the winter.

Forty liquor licenses were granted at the late term of court in this county, of which 21 were in Wilmington.

The *Sussex Journal* is authority for saying that there are twenty-four weddings to take place in Georgetown on Christmas day.

T. J Curtis, present speaker of the Idaho Territory Legislature, is a native of Kent co., Delaware. He is a Democrat of course.

The Breakwater *Light* published, last Saturday, the names of eight of its subscribers who had paid their subscriptions that week.

The prothonotary's office of Kent county will become vacant on the 31st inst., but it will not go begging as there are two applicants for it

James Gray, of Bridgeville, was found dead in his bed one morning last week, and the coroner's jury said he died from the effects of intemperance.

The sidewalks were covered with a heavy sleet on Monday to the annoyance of pedestrians and delight of the boys who had fine times skating on them.

A barrel of apple brandy was stolen from J. M. Dodd, near Moorton, last Tuesday night. The thieves rolled the barrel for about half a mile and then put it in a wagon.

People have got into a singular habit, here lately, of suddenly and swiftly sitting down flat in the streets. This habit is very ridiculous and generally amuses lookers on.

Wednesday and Thursday of this week were the shortest days of the year. They were each only eight hours and fifty-seven minutes long. The days are getting longer now.

Dover came near having a big fire last Saturday week—the windy day. The roof of S. D. McGonigal's house caught fire, and if the fire had not been quickly extinguished *might* have burnt the whole town up.

The snow that fell Monday afternoon, though slight in itself, made pretty good sleighing on account of the previous icy condition of the roads. Full advantage was taken of it by sleigh owners and boys with sleds.

Mrs. Annie Dunlap, widow of the late Francis Dunlap, of Delaware City, was found dead in her bed, in that town, on Monday morning. An inquest was held and a verdict of "death from heart disease" rendered. She was about fifty years old

Rev. Pennell Combe was well received in Middletown and his lectures attended by large audiences. "Local Option" would doubtless meet with many advocates in this vicinity. For financial assistance Mr. C. pronounced Middletown the "banner town."

Supper and Festival.

The ladies of the Bethel M. E. Church intend having a Supper and Package Festival during the holidays, on the evenings of the 27th and 28th, at the church near Pivot Bridge, Md. Each person is requested to bring a pound package of something. The packages are to be disposed of at auction each evening.

A Severe Fall.

R. T. Cochran, Esq., slipped on the ice that covered the sidewalk in front of the Citizens' National Bank on Monday and fell heavily to the pavement his back coming in contact with the sharp corner of the marble step of the bank, causing an exceedingly painful bruise, though no bones were broken. He complained of much pain, but we sincerely hope he has sustained no permanent or serious injury.

A Active Thief.

The Smyrna *Times* says a young negro man calling himself Nathan Demby went to that town, from Middletown, last Friday and between that time and Monday managed to commit petty thefts from four different parties. He was finally caught in the act and sent to Dover jail. He carried a neatly made model of the New Castle whipping post and pillory about with him, which the *Times* thinks is a striking coincidence.

A Schooner in Trouble.

The schooner John A. Curtis, from Richmond, Va., arrived at Delaware City, Monday, covered with ice. On the 16th, a gale having blown away her mainsail and jib, she hove to and lost part of her deckload. On Monday morning the ice carried her ashore at Bombay Hook; a tug got her off and towed her into Delaware City. But even then her troubles were not ended, for she was immediately libeled by the officers of the tug to secure payment for their services.

Christmas Goods.

Rice's toy and confectionery store is assuredly the headquarters for Christmas goods in Middletown. His shelves, counters, cases and windows are filled to overflowing with all kinds and varieties of candies, nuts, cakes, fruits, toys and all other things to make glad the hearts of the little ones. His store is the veritable headquarters of Kriss Kringle for this vicinity. Rice deserves the patronage of the people of this neighborhood, for he spares no pains or expense to have things nice, and his store and saloon are a credit to the town.

Oyster Supper.

The ladies of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, at Georgetown, Md., are going to give an oyster supper for the benefit of their church on Thursday and Friday evenings next. They are making extensive preparations and expect to have a rare treat.

Delaware's Big Trees.

Delaware is said to have had the largest trees on exhibition at the Centennial. One of the sections measured twenty-one feet in circumference and another nineteen feet, and while California can produce taller trees there were none that drew so much in circumference as the trees from little Delaware.

Sale of Land.

Charles B. Lore and L. V. Aspril, Esqrs., executors under the will of John Atherly, late of Appoquinimink hundred, deceased, sold at public sale at the hotel of Alex. Maxwell in this town, on Tuesday, the real estate of the said deceased, as follows: Tract No. 1.—house and lot in the village of St. Georges (as advertised) to Mrs. Sarah A. Atherly, widow of deceased, for $887.50; No. 2.—162 acres, 60 perches, of woodland in Blackbird hundred, to James Atherly for $710, No. 3.—farm in Blackbird hundred, 151 acres, to Mrs. S. A. Atherly for $2200; No. 4—farm adjoining No. 3., 201 acres, to Mrs. Atherly for $2975; No. 5.—the Home Farm, in Appoquinimink hundred, 300 acres, with brick mansion, to Mrs. Atherly for $14,225.

Shot by Negroes.

On Wednesday night of last week Geo. W., son of James Moore, tenant on Dr. Cummins' farm near Smyrna, was shot in the thigh by some negroes. Young Moore and several other boys, were on their way to singing school and, meeting the darkies in the road, began "bandying words" with them. Of course the negroes talked back and a general war of "jawing" ensued. Finally the negroes, being armed with pistols drew them and fired upon the boys hitting young Moore. This had the effect of stopping the row and the darkies went on their way while the boys carried their wounded companion home. The negroes, whose names are Jim Bennett and Ben Thomas, were arrested and sent to Dover.

Holiday Amusements.

The Odessa Dramatic Association, composed of ladies and gentlemen of that town and vicinity, propose to give one of their delightful entertainments in their Town Hall on the evenings of Thursday and Friday next in which they will perform a very popular and interesting drama, entitled "My Brother's Keeper." These entertainments are always of a strictly moral character, having none of the ordinary theatrical tone about them, and being the exhibition of "home talent" are all the more acceptable and interesting, on that account. The performance will be enlivened by choice music by the "Glee Club" between the acts, interspersed, we presume, with instrumental music by the Social Orchestra.—Altogether this bids fair to be one of the most pleasing entertainments that we have had for some time, and it is hoped that our people will make good use of the opportunity both to give our neighbors a little lift in raising funds to aid in paying for their hall, and also to see how well they can do things, of this kind, over there. The company have recently placed new shifting scenery in the hall, which greatly adds to the beauty and attractiveness of their plays.

Middletown Theatre.

After much preparation for the event, Middletown Hall was reopened on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week, at which time Connelly & Wood's Philadelphia Dramatic Association appeared in "Three Years in a Man Trap," and "The Octoroon." A good sized audience was present each evening, but not as large as should have been, considering that the proceeds were for the benefit of the hall. The production of "Three Years in a Man Trap" on Tuesday evening was considerably interfered with by the low temperature of the gas in the hall, and of course no criticism could be made under the circumstances, yet the characters of *Harry Glenn*, *Nettie Glenn*, *Maggie Lloyd* and *Eb. Holdfast* were well supported. On Wednesday evening the Hall gas was in splendid condition, and "The Octoroon" was produced with good effect to a very appreciative audience. Miss Sadie Walthall as *Zoe the Octoroon*, Mr. W. W. Wood as *Jacob M'Closky*, Mr. B. H. Connelly as *Simon Scudder* and Mrs. B. H. Connelly as *Miss Dora Sunnyside*, sustained the play in a truly meritorious manner, and left behind them an impression that they deserve future success and extensive promotion in the lists of amateur actors and actresses.

Low Wages.

The mere pittance, called wages, that is now being paid to mechanics and laborers in our shops of industry in Wilmington, are actually not enough to keep the wolf from the door of many this winter. For instance, a man with a family of nine depending on him for their sole support, gets only $4 and $5 for a week's work. How can the landlord be paid his rent out of this enormous (?) sum, how for the grocer, baker and other parties.

At Harlan & Hollingsworth's, where they formerly employed a thousand, and often twelve hundred men, they now have but some three hundred at work, and the prospect for the coming winter is not in anyway flattering, although a revival in the spring is hopefully looked for.

At the rolling mills, they are only running their men on half time, and the morocco manufacturers complain now of dull times and nothing to do, and those now employed have their wages cut down very low.

If the price of meat, flour and everything would come down to the level of wages, it would not be half so hard for mechanics to get along. If our churches and other societies would look after the heathen and poor in our city, at the present time, it would be a blessing. There are an old lady and gentleman of English birth, residing on French street, a few doors below Fifth, who have nothing at all to eat, and rely solely on their neighbors for their food. They are in every way needy of help, and should be looked after.—*Republican.*

MARYLAND AFFAIRS.

A bank is to be started at Cambridge.

The railroad property in Kent county has been assessed at $71,680.

Robert Thompson's house, near Conesbury, Cecil county, was destroyed by fire recently.

John Cathcart's farm, 175 acres, near Zion, Cecil county, has been sold to George W. Gifford for $60 per acre.

The young men of Snow Hill are to have a grand masquerade procession on Christmas day, as has been their custom for several years.

The dwelling of Mr. John C. Hutchison, near Hurlock's Station, Dorchester county, was consumed by fire on Saturday last, together with nearly all his furniture.

George Kirkwood, late of Harford county, met with a fatal accident recently in Iowa.—Returning to his house late at night he fell into an excavation and broke his neck.

Dr. F. P. Phelps has resigned the presidency of the board of trustees of the Cambridge Female Seminary, and Col. Jas. Wallace was elected by the board to fill the vacancy.

The annual report of the officers of the Wicomico and Pocomoke railroad is out, and shows that that corporation, notwithstanding the dullness of the times, had a balance on the right side of the books.

The stack yards of John C. Sutton and William H. Harrison, near Chesterville, Kent county, were destroyed by fire on Saturday evening, the 9th inst.,—the day of the big blow. It is thought the Kent county locomotive did the mischief.

Fire at Salisbury.—Last Sunday a fire occurred at Salisbury, Wicomico county, which destroyed the dwelling of John H. White.—The furniture in some adjacent houses was removed and much damaged. Mr. White's property was fully insured.

The stockholders of the Maryland and Delaware Railroad have re-elected the board of directors except J. C. W. Powell and Thomas J. Clark, to fill vacancies. J. L. Caldwell was re-elected superintendent, and J. W. Scott secretary and treasurer.

Twenty-seven thousand California salmon were deposited in the Nanticoke river last last week, twelve thousand at Federalsburg, and thirteen thousand at Seaford. Twenty-five thousand were also deposited at Easton. These fish were hatched at Druid Hill Park, Baltimore. It is understood that a half million salmon are to be turned loose in Eastern Shore rivers.

Homicide at Centreville.—On last Thursday week Edward E. Wilson, a colored boy about 15 years old, was shot and instantly killed by John Henry Elliott alias Wilson, colored, about the same age, whilst out rabbit hunting, near Centreville. Elliott claims that the shooting was accidental, but this is not credited. He was arrested. Younger brothers of both parties were present when the shooting took place. It is generally understood that they got into a "fuss" about the shooting of a rabbit.

On last Thursday week, a little son of Mr. Stephen Redden, who lives about three miles from Newtown, was horribly burned by the explosion of a can containing coal oil. The child was in the house at the time, his parents being absent in the fields, when it commenced playing with the can, and pouring some of the oil on a hot stove, an explosion followed and the little fellow was badly burned from his right knee, all the way up his right side, as also upon the entire surface of his face. The skin came off from the face and right side, and the boy lies in a critical condition. Dr. Truitt, who is attending the little sufferer, thinks that with care the little sufferer will come around all right.—*Snow Hill Messenger.*

An Eastern Shore Matrimonial Flurry.—The Crisfield *Leader* a few days ago tells this story: The residents of Somerset county, in the vicinity of the town of Princess Anne, have recently had occasion for no little amusement over an occurrence which one does not often chance upon in a life time. It seems that in the vicinity of Princess Anne there resides a widow, who, for sometime past has been the object of attention from a youth in the neighborhood, who has reached the age of nineteen years. The young man seems to have been confident of the ultimate success of his attentions. A few days since he repaired to the clerk of the county court, and procured a license for the marriage of the widow and himself, secured the services of a minister, and with the minister and two friends as witnesses, rode out to the widow's house with the purpose of having the marriage performed at once. The only flaw in the matter seems to have been the neglect on the part of the young man to secure the widow's consent to the marriage before making his arrangements. At any rate the widow was not even informed of his intentions until the bridegroom and his party drove up to her house and was politely ushered in. It is not difficult to imagine her amazement when she was informed of the object of the visit. To assume that she would marry him forthwith without ever having been asked, was at once declared a piece of masculine presumption which could not be tolerated. She did not say whether she would or would not have "had" him if he had approached her in a different manner, but under the circumstances she would never have him. The youth tried to reason the case with her and she had to threaten to take the conceit out of him with a kettle of hot water before he would leave.

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It "purports to be the diary of a young Swedish girl who came over in the Swan, in 1647, and the journal is continued until the proprietary of William Penn, in 1682—a period of thirty-five years."

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In the familiar form of a diary, is related a profoundly interesting narrative of the every-day experience—the home-life of a Swedish family, who, more than two centuries ago, gave up the comforts of their home in the Fatherland and settled in the wilderness of "New Sweden," or, as we know it now, of Delaware.

With a vividness that almost brings before your eyes the actual scenes, the difficulties, trials and dangers which the earliest settlers of our State had to encounter, contend with and overcome, are portrayed; while skilfully interwoven with the experiences of the humble Swedish family, are all the prominent facts in the political vicissitudes which belong to and characterize that eventful period in the history of Delaware—the whole beautifully enrobed in a mantle of the most elevated morality and the purest piety.

Thus the reader draws from the single fountain, at one draught, entertainment and instruction, pleasure and profit.

We heartily recommend the work to the favorable consideration of all, but especially of Delawareans; for, besides its great intrinsic merit, it is an open secret that the authoress is a worthy descendant and member of one of Delaware's most illustrious families. M.

Business Locals.

Star Skirt Braids 7 cents Cash, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

Hams, Shoulders, Sides, Beef (smoked), at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

ENVELOPES of all sizes, and letter heads with business cards, furnished, very cheap at the TRANSCRIPT office.

New No. 1, 2, & 3 Mackerel in barrels, half barrels, quarters and kitts; New Split Labrador Herring in barrels and half barrels, just received and for sale by S. M. REYNOLDS.

A choice Rio Coffee, green, 25 cents, roasted 29 cents, CASH, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

Ladies in need of a nice Silk Dress, call at S. M. REYNOLDS' and look at those Guinet Black Silks at $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 and $1 75 per yard, just received direct from the importers.

DON'T FAIL to see the "ECONOMY COFFEE POT" at Eliason & Benson's, the most economical coffee pot ever manufactured.

A neat, comfortable HOUSE TO LET from the present until March 25th, 1877, with the privilege of next year. Is on Broad street adjoining B. F. Lippincott's. Lowest rent in town. Apply at the BOOT AND SHOE STORE, or to G. E. HUKILL.

Ladies' 2-Button KID GLOVES, all colors, *warranted.* Every pair that rips or burrs, exchanged for new ones. $1 per pair. S. M. Reynolds.

Boys' and Youths' Congress Gaiters, Bals., and Long Boots to fit all the little folks, at $1 25, 1 50 & 1 75, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

If you want Gros-Grain Ribbons cheap, go to W. H. MOORE & CO'S.

Men's fine calf Dress Boots double and single sole, at $4 00, 4 50 and 5 00. Also, calf Congress Gaiters at $1 25, 1 50, 1 75, 2 50 3 00 and 4 00, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

Clark's best Spool Cotton, 6 cents per Spool or 70 cents per dozen *Cash*, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

Kid Gloves—every pair warranted—at W. H. Moore & Co's for $1.

One bale of heavy twilled Gray Flannels at 25 cents, same goods sold last season at 37½ cents. S. M. REYNOLDS.

Go to W. H. Moore & Co's for Zephyr.

The largest stock of Hamburg Edgings in Middletown can be found at W. H. MOORE & CO'S.

Good, heavy long leg Boots for men's wear $2 25, 2 50, 2 75 and 3 00, for sale by S. M. REYNOLDS.

Extra long leg, whole leather, double sole Men's Boots—warranted not to leak, rip or break until worn out with old age. Price, only $4 cash, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

Opened this day, a new case of CALICOES, warranted fast colors, at 6 cts. per yard, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

New Orleans and Porto Rico Molasses Choice Sugar Loaf Drips and Sugar House Syrups, at S. M. REYNOLDS'.

Rumford's Yeast Powder the best in the market, for sale by S. M. REYNOLDS'.

An elegant Two-Button Kid Glove for 75 cents cash, at S. M. REYNOLDS.

ESTABLISHED 1832.

ODESSA WAGON WORKS.

Constantly on hand a large stock of well-seasoned materials, from which those desiring Wagons can be accommodated at short notice. Also, a large stock of

PLOWS,

HECKENDORN, MOORE, CONCAVE, WILEY, ETC.

Harrows, Cultivators, Rollers, &c.

Farmers' Attention is called to the celebrated

PIONEER STUMP PULLER,

which has met with universal favor, having been tried in nearly every State.

REPAIRING neatly and promptly attended to.

We are selling low for cash.

L. V. ASPRIL & SON,

ODESSA, DELAWARE.

Janury 15th, 1876—tf.

P. B. MINGLE & CO.,

Seed Merchants,

103 MARKET ST., PHILADELPHIA.

New crop Clover Seed WANTED, for which highest market prices will be paid. Send samples by mail. Prompt reply and prompt remittance. oct 14-2m

$55 to $77 a Week to Agents. Samples Free. P. O. VICKERY, Augusta, Maine.

Dry Goods and Groceries.

FALL AND WINTER GOODS.

W. H. Moore & Co.,

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

OUR STOCK of Fall and Winter Goods is now complete Anticipating an active Fall and Winter trade, we have provided a large stock of goods of all kinds, and at prices in reach of all.

Please call and examine our stock of

Dry Goods AND Notions

Before Purchasing Elsewhere.

Ladies' Dress Goods.

We respectfully and especially invite the Ladies to call and examine our stock of Dress Goods and

TRIMMINGS,

which consist of the latest styles and shades of the season.

Cloths AND Cassimeres.

We call the attention of all to our stock of Cloths and Cassimeres, which have been selected with great care. Prices to suit all. We have also a full line of

Waterproofs, Tweeds and Kerseys.

FLANNELS.

Domet, Shaker, heavy Red Twilled, heavy Gray and Blue and Cantons, at all prices.

HATS AND CAPS.

Boots and Shoes.

Our stock of Men's, Boys' and Youths' Boots excel in quality and prices any stock that we have ever kept heretofore. We would have purchasers bear this in mind and call and examine before purchasing elsewhere.

Our stock of Ladies', Misses and Children's Shoes, in Button and Lace, (made by the best city and Eastern manufacturers,) is complete, at moderate prices.

Oil Cloths

OF ALL KINDS. Also,

Rag, Ingrain and Hemp Carpetings.

MENS' AND LADIES'

UNDERWEAR.

Gents' Furnishing Goods.

Readymade Clothing

We have just received a large stock of Clothing and a much better class of goods than we have kept heretofore. Owing to the low price of Cassimeres, we are enabled to sell a good suit of Winter clothes now as low as we could sell a common suit for last year.

Blankets.

White, Brown and Silver Grey Blankets. Also, Horse Blankets at all prices.

FISH, SALT AND MEAT.

Groceries.

We are thankful to friends and customers for past favors, and respectfully solicit their patronage in the future.

W. H. MOORE & CO.,

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

Stoves, Tin Ware, &c.

MIDDLETOWN STOVE HOUSE

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

I TAKE great pleasure in saying to my friends and customers that, being encouraged by the very liberal patronage of 1875, I am now satisfied that FIRST-CLASS GOODS will always be sought after, and I am determined that this Centennial year shall find in my store the

Largest and Finest Stock

EVER OFFERED IN MIDDLETOWN

and the largest variety of any one house in the State. I have bought direct from twelve of the best manufacturers in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Albany. My stock makes a list of over

SEVENTY DIFFERENT PATTERNS

from the very finest nickel-plated to the cheapest bed room, ranging in price from $5 to $80. My stock embraces all the improvements of the present season and was bought at very reduced prices; therefore I intend selling them at very small profits, so that every one can commence the Fall and Winter of "76" with a new stove. Not having had any space assigned me at the great

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION,

I have concluded to show my stock in Middletown, and persons not having an opportunity to visit the Exhibition in Philadelphia and see the display of fine Stoves, have only to come to my store and Mr. W. H. Johnson will take great pleasure in showing my stock which is

NOW COMPLETE,

and will show you the Testimonials of those already in use. My sale of HEATERS has far exceeded my expectations, having sold over fifty the past season. I am in receipt of Testimonials from a large majority of those now using them. I publish the names of a few of my many customers now using my Heaters:

R. T. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.
W. H. MOORE, " "
R. W. COCHRAN, " "
L. P McDOWELL, " "
W. R. COCHRAN, " "
T. E. HURN, " "
C. P. COCHRAN, " "
FRANK TARONI, " "
J. F. ELIASON, " "
J. B. CLARKSON, " "
GEO. ECHENHOFER, " "
MRS. R. MIFFLIN, McDonough, Del.
THOMAS J. CRAVEN, St. Georges, Del.
J. A. MONTGOMERY, " "
L. VEAZEY, M. D., Summit Bridge, "
W. P. BIGGS, " "
D. C. ENOS, " "
HENRY CLAYTON, Mt. Pleasant, "
JOHN A. JONES, " "
SAMUEL THOMPSON, Pivot, "
JOHN R. PRICE, Chesapeake City, Md.
REV. CHAS. MALLORY, " "
JOHN M. REED, " "
MRS. A. E. R. BENNETT, " "
JAMES CUMMINGS, " "
J. T. HEDRICK, " "
FRANK BOULDEN, " "
THOS CAVENDER, Bohemia Manor, "
JOHN CAVENDER, " "
WM. G. ETHERINGTON, Cecilton, "
MRS. ANNIE WALLACE, Georgetown, Md
R. R. COCHRAN, Sassafras, "
WALTER J. GRIFFITH, Sassafras, "
BENJAMIN GIBBS, Levels, Delaware.
S. H. DUNCAN, Wilmington, "
JAS. A. CRANSTON, Newport, "
A. IRONS, M. D., " "
DANIEL GREEN, " "

Out of the fifty or sixty Heaters that I have put up in the past year only one customer has made complaint to me. The best evidence of their giving entire satisfaction is that the friends of those who did buy are asking for and buying the same this year. My stock for the present season consists of Stoves, viz:

COOKING STOVES.

Superb Cook,	*Barley Sheaf,*
Niagara,	*Rising Sun,*
Imperial,	*Seventy-Six,*
Quaker City,	*Cunard,*
Coral Cook,	*New American,*
Monitor,	*Calorific,*
Farmer,	*Charm,*
Diamond State,	*Logan Cook,*
Ironsides,	*Eclipse Cook,*
Continental,	*Governor Penn,*
Middletown Cook,	*National,*
Light House,	*Advance Cook,*
Cadet Cook,	*Times.*

COOKING RANGES.

King Cabinet,	*Victor Cook,*
Splendid,	*Sunshine,*
Gem,	*Plannett,*
Oricle,	*Flora,*
Climax,	*Clarion,*
Dot,	*Keystone,*
Sunbeam,	*Belmont.*

BRICK-SET RANGES.

PEERLESS, EXCELSIOR, MONARCH, ANTI-CLINKER

HEATING STOVES.

Brillant Light,	*Canopy,*
Magnet,	*Revolving Light,*
Magic Light,	*Silver Moon,*
Anchor,	*Torrid Egg,*
Crystal Light,	*Ranger,*
Brilliant Radiator,	*Arctic Egg,*
Iris,	*Argand,*
Dew Drop,	*Classic,*
Twilight,	*Mutual Friend.*

PARLOR DOUBLE HEATERS

For heating two rooms,

Brilliant Light,	*Argand,*
Anchor,	*Welcome Home,*
Silver Moon,	*Radiant Light,*
Aurora,	*Dual.*
Juniatta,	

FIRE PLACE HEATERS

For heating two or more rooms.

The Splendid,	*The Radiant,*
Golden Sun,	*Silver Palace,*
Perry's Syphon Flue,	*Parlor Queen*

CELLAR PORTABLE HEATERS.

Victor,	*Novelty,*
Equator,	*Spear's Portable.*

PARLOR COOKS.

Novelty,	*Radiant,*
The Arcadia.	

Something New.

I have added to my stock of Stoves, Tin Ware and House Furnishing Goods, samples of

SLATE MANTLES,

which I can sell at Philadelphia prices. Mantles range in price from $25 to $200; Shelves, Brackets, Pedestals, in a word everything in that line. Old Mantles matched and repaired at short notice. Mantles made to order—Square, Circular and Eliptic. Call and get a catalogue and examine samples. All Mantle and Heater work will have my personal attention in their erection.

Thanking the public for past favors I hope to maintain such relations with the trade as shall command for me in the future, as in the past, a secure position in the foremost rank.

J. B. ROBERTS.

Middletown, Del., Sept. 27th, 1876

Dry Goods.

1776. CENTENNIAL YEAR. 1876.

EDWIN HALL,

28 South Second street, below Market street,

PHILADELPHIA.

Would respectfully invite ladies visiting the city to examine our stock, consisting in part of

BLACK SILKS of the best makes, which we guarantee.
COLORED SILKS of the newest and most desirable shades.
FANCY SILKS at very low prices.
DRESS GOODS, embracing all the new fabrics.

SHAWLS, CLOAKS, &c.

DRESS MAKING in all its branches. Ladies buying the material of us can have it made up in the most fashionable manner at the shortest notice.

Embroideries, Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear, Ties, &c., &c.

CLOTHS and CASSIMERES FOR MEN'S AND BOYS' WEAR.

Table Linens, Napkins, Towels, Table Coverings, Muslins, &c.

ONE PRICE AND PRICES GUARANTEED.

(THE STORE IS ACCESSIBLE FROM ALL POINTS BY STREET CARS.)

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

Furniture! Furniture!

—AT THE—

ENTERPRISE MANUFACTORY,

220 & 222 MARKET STREET, WILMINGTON, DEL.,

Will be found the largest and best assortment in the State of Delaware, all of their own manufacture, and the latest styles and finish, comprising almost every article needed for furnishing a house complete: PARLOR SUITS IN VARIETY OF STYLES AND PRICES, DINING-ROOM, LIBRARY, SITTING-ROOM, AND KITCHEN FURNITURE, BOOK CASES AND SECRETARIES, SIDE BOARDS, WARDROBES, TABLES, PARLOR CABINETS, MUSIC CABINETS, GREAT VARIETY OF BRACKETS, CHAMBER FURNITURE OF SOLID WALNUT, FULL SUITS COMPLETE WITH Chairs, $40 and upwards. Our stock is composed of Goods to suit almost everyone, which we are selling at very reduced prices. We respectfully invite you to call and examine before purchasing.

WM. FERRIS & CO.,

nov 3—3m 220 & 222 MARKET STREET, WILMINGTON, DEL.

ADKISSON & CO.,

Having purchased of C. ANDERSON

BARR'S (well-known) DRUG STORE

Respectfully solicit a continuance of the liberal patronage so long enjoyed by this old Stand. They will keep on hand a full Stock of

PURE FRESH DRUGS AND CHEMICALS,

ALSO

PATENT MEDICINES OF ALL KINDS; HORSE POWDERS, LINIMENTS, &c.; PURE LIQUORS FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES; LAMPS, AND LAMP GOODS;

And Everything generally kept in a First-class Drug Store.

DR. ADKISSON will give his constant attention to the business, and will also prescribe for any one requiring advice.

The Store will be open SUNDAYS from 9 to 10½ o'clock, A. M., and from 2 to 4, and 6 to 7½ o'clock, P. M.

Stoves, Tin Ware, &c.

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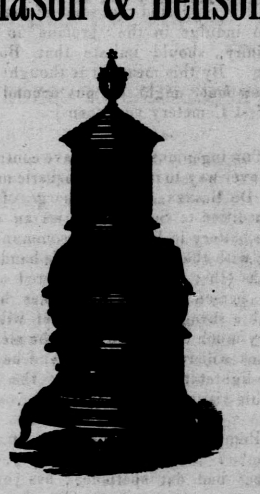
STOVES,

HEATERS, RANGES, &c.

Eliason & Benson.



WE have now in stock the most complete line of PARLOR STOVES, PARLOR HEATERS, FIRE PLACE HEATERS, and BAR-ROOM STOVES.

12 different kinds of RANGES in both Single and Double Oven, from $7 50 to $20.

A large and varied stock of

COOK STOVES,

ALL PERFECT BAKERS.

A full line of

HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS

ALWAYS IN STOCK.

Repairing of all kinds promptly and cheaply attended to.

ROOFING and SPOUTING a specialty.

Slate Mantles

Of the finest style and finish, furnished to order, varying in price from $16 to $100.

Before purchasing give our stock an inspection.

ELIASON & BENSON,

sep 30-tjl MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

FLOWERS! FLOWERS!

CUT FLOWERS furnished at short notice from my Hot Houses, for WEDDINGS, PARTIES, FUNERALS, &c., on reasonable terms. Also winter blooming Plants in great variety. Visitors always welcome.

nov 25-1m* B. F. LIPPINCOTT.

Business Cards.

NAUDAIN'S POPULAR CORNER.

Our stock of

Goods for Fall and Winter

Is now complete.

WE invite attention to the unusually low prices we are offering to Cash buyers. If you want to save 10 per cent in the purchase of boots and shoes, go to Naudain's Popular Corner

A good Boot for $2 25, 2 50 and 2 75; a better Boot for $3 00, 3 25 and 3 50; the best Boot in all Middletown for 4 00, warranted, at Naudain's Popular Corner

Plow Shoes, buckle and lace, $1 50 to 2 00; Dress Shoes and Gaiters for gents—$1 00 to 6 00 at Naudain's Popular Corner

Ladies' and Children's Shoes in great variety and cheaper than the cheapest, at Naudain's Popular Corner

Dress Goods in all the newest cloth shades and very low at Naudain's Popular Corner

Hosiery for Ladies and Children at Naudain's Popular Corner

If you want the best bargains in Cloths, Cassimeres, Kerseys and Waterproofs, go to Naudain's Popular Corner

If you want to save money in these hard times and go to the Centennial, buy your goods for cash at Naudain's Popular Corner

Where you will find a complete stock of all kinds of goods usually kept in a first-class country store. We are also agent for Mme Demorests reliable patterns and keep an assortment constantly on hand at

G. W. W. NAUDAIN'S,

Middletown, Del.

AYER'S HAIR VIGOR,

FOR RESTORING GRAY HAIR TO ITS NATURAL VITALITY AND COLOR.

Advancing years, sickness, care, disappointment, and hereditary predisposition, all turn the hair gray, and either of them incline it to shed prematurely.

AYER'S Hair Vigor by long and extensive use, has proven that it stops the falling of the hair immediately; often renews the growth; and always surely restores its color, when faded or gray. It stimulates the nutritive organs to healthy activity, and preserves both the hair and its beauty. Thus brashy, weak or sickly hair becomes glossy, pliable and strengthened; lost hair regrows with lively expression; falling hair is checked and stablished; thin hair thickens; and faded or gray hairs resume their original color. Its operation is sure and harmless. It cures dandruff, heals all humors, and keeps the scalp cool, clean and soft—under which conditions, diseases of the scalp are impossible.

As a dressing for ladies' hair, the VIGOR is praised for its grateful and agreeable perfume, and valued for the soft lustre and richness of tone it imparts.

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Dr. J. C. AYER & CO., Lowell, Mass.,

Practical and Analytical Chemists.

Sold by all druggists and dealers in medicine.

BERKSHIRES FOR SALE.

I am now prepared to furnish Thoroughbred BERKSHIRE PIGS, with pedigree, cheaper than the same stock can be bought elsewhere, R. L. NAUDAIN,

nov 4-tf Middletown, Del.

SALE BILLS

Neatly Printed at this Office.